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Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Name of vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected
Sept. 20	Agnes .....	13	0	0	0
22	Geo. Dumois .....	18	5	0	0
25	Banan .....	18	0	0	0

#### PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

*Report from Manila—Cholera, plague, and smallpox in Manila—Cholera in the provinces—Quarantine transactions.*

Assistant Surgeon Heiser, chief quarantine officer for the Philippine Islands, reports, August 27, as follows:

During the week ended August 22, 1903, cholera, smallpox, and plague were reported in Manila as follows:

Cholera: Cases, 29; deaths, 22. Smallpox: Cases, 1; deaths, 0. Plague: Cases, 3; deaths, 4.

#### *Increase in number of cholera cases in Manila.*

There has been an increase in the number of cholera cases in Manila during the week, 29 cases and 22 deaths being reported. The increase has been principally among the shipping, which lies in the Pasig River and in the inner harbor. The reappearance of the disease in these places has been ascribed to the fact that the precautions which were in force some time ago are no longer carried out, owing to lack of funds. It is practically beyond dispute that the cases are contracted directly or indirectly from the infected water of the Pasig River. Three vessels upon which cholera occurred were remanded to the Service for disinfection.

#### *Cholera apparently extinct in Mariveles—Increased in Iloilo.*

Cholera has been apparently thoroughly stamped out of the village of Mariveles. The cases all occurred within the incubation period of the disease. Total, 6 cases and 5 deaths. The checking of this outbreak is an instance of what may be accomplished when prompt, energetic measures are taken and when the water supply is not contaminated. Mariveles is one of the few villages of the islands which have not been afflicted with cholera, and for that reason the conditions are favorable for its spread. Much credit is due to Contract Surgeon C. W. Johnson, U. S. Army, and to Assistant Surgeon Stansfield for the effective manner in which the work was done. The report of Assistant Surgeon Long is herewith inclosed.

At Iloilo there has also been a slight increase in the number of cholera cases; 23 cases and 18 deaths were reported. After the terrible epidemic from which that port suffered last year it would seem that most of the susceptible material had been used up.

Upon the request of the civil government the Service will undertake to supervise the quarantine detention at Iloilo of all vessels which are remanded to it by the health officers in the province of Antique, in